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A.—The Government do not consider it necessary to take any steps in the matter at present.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the Government assured themselves that the conditions of labourers in these districts were satisfactory ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" At present the Government do not consider that any legislation is necessary."

Motor Vehicles Act

Pay and income of motor inspectors in the Presidency.

* 1278 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 198 answered on 6th September 1928, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing—

(i) the number, status, antecedents, pay and income of officers performing the function of inspectors of buses in the Madras City and in various other places in the Presidency ; and

(ii) the receipts of fees for inspection for the year ending the 30th June 1928 and for the year ending the 30th September 1928, if available ?

A.—(i) & (ii) A statement [a] containing the information called for by the hon. Member in question No. 198 is laid on the table. Information for the year ending the 30th September 1928 is not available.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I just refer to a statement at page 52 as it is somewhat puzzling, and ask a few questions ? May I know why in the first instance Government appointed District officers as inspectors of buses and afterwards gave up that scheme and created posts of bus inspectors ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" At first we appointed some District officers as bus inspectors but we are now appointing as far as possible inspectors of motor buses."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" In column 5 of the statement we find that the emoluments of an officer performing the functions of inspector of buses are Rs. 900. May I know what these emoluments are, whether they are monthly or for a certain period ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Why such high emoluments are paid to people who are already getting very high salaries ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The present policy of the Government is to appoint bus inspectors."

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Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know why so much emolument was paid hitherto to officers who are already getting very high salaries ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— "There were not very many motor vehicles and these District officers were asked to look after the duties of bus inspectors. But now that policy has been changed definitely."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami .—" May I know what are the qualifications of these bus inspectors ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— Engineering qualifications."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" What degree ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" No degree. If the hon. Member wants to have a detailed reply, I should like to have notice."

Motor inspectors in the Presidency.

* 1279 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of full-timed salaried inspectors of motor vehicles in each of the districts of the Presidency at present ;

(b) what are the qualifications and grade of salary of each one of them ;

(c) how many of these motor inspectors are Anglo-Indians and Europeans and how many are Muslims and Non-Brahmans ; and

(d) what are the respective salaries of Anglo-Indian or European inspectors and Indian inspectors and what are the reasons for the difference, if any ?

A.—(a) One in each of the following districts :—

Malabar, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, South Kanara, Salem, North Arcot, Tanjore, the Nilgiris, Nellore, Ganjam, West Godavari, Chittoor and Madura cum Ramnad.

(b), (c) & (d) The information [a] is laid on the table. The salary of the inspector varies with the district and has no relation to the community to which he belongs.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know why a person with no qualification is appointed in the Nilgiris district ? Is it because that no one else with the necessary qualification is available ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Because he has got the practical qualification and was recommended by the Public Works Department."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" You do not want qualifications at all except some service somewhere ?"

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 646 infra.